

I oppose this petition because its implementation would continue a strangle hold by a few over the many. After all these freq. belong to all not just the few. This petition does not seek to strengthen amateur radio but to keep it in the hands of a ever decreasing minority. Morse code has become the means by which this control is maintained. Relative to population amateur radio is a on the way out. By our own hands we keep out those both technically and intellectually capable of taking an active interest in this hobby. Morse code does not represent a necessary skill for technical abilities as an amateur operator. This petition is not about ensuring technical skill. It is about restricting the ranks of amateur radio and making it the exclusive domain of a few. Please do not implement the contents of this petition its implementation will damage this activity. It is time to let amateur radio have an opportunity to grow and expand. It is time to remove morse code from any and all amateur license requirements.